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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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Application No.: 09/364,527

Filing Date: October 26, 2001

Title: **METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY ASSIGNING PRIORITIES TO DOCUMENTS AND MESSAGES**

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 -
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - TECHNOLOGY
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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.

☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.

☒ Also enclosed is/are a Notice of Appeal; a Declaration Submitted Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.132; and a C.V. of John C. Platt.

☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.

☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$385.00 (2801) ☐ \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).

☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.

☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted _____
on _____,
for which continued examination is requested.

☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _____, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

| AMENDED CLAIMS | | | | | |
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| | No. of Claims | Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For | Extra Claims | Rate | Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 1 | MINUS 20 = | 0 | x \$18.00 (1202) = | \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | MINUS 3 = | 0 | x \$86.00 (1201) = | \$ 0.00 |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$290.00 (1203) | | | | | |
| Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$ 0.00 |

- ☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge _____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

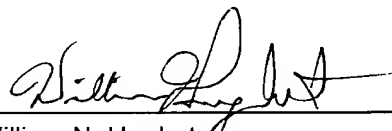
Respectfully submitted,

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